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are contemplated by the resolution introduced on Thursday by the Hon. HENRY T. RAINEY of Illinois directing to investigate Colonel ROOSEVELT'S Infornia the other day about his part in the inception of the Panama Canal:

"I started it. If I had followed traditional onservative methods I would have submitted dignified state paper of probably two hundred and let Congress debate, and while the debate goes on the canal does also."

Of course, as everybody ought to know, Colonel Roosevelt never "took" the Canal Zone without consulting Conof the territory in question was granted approval of the bill. body on February 23, 1904.

If Colonel ROOSEVELT now goes about bragging that he did lawlessly what utterances on the subject injure nobody but himself. It is not even necessarv to convict him of inconsistency of statement, as the World has attempted to do by exhibiting from his special message of December 15, 1908, the sub- once and in its original form. joined paragraph, which, however, related to another transaction than the "taking" of the Canal Zone:

"The Congress took the action it did after the most minute and exhaustive examination and disussion and the Executive carried out the direction of Congress to the letter. Every act of this Government, every act for which this Government had the slightest responsibility, was in pursuance of the act of Congress here.'

The message from which this is quoted by our neighbor had nothing whatever to do with the acquisition of the Canal Zone by the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty of 1903, and is therefore not pertinent to the foolishness of the speech in California the other day. Nevertheless it will be much more useful for Congress to ignore the remarks of this private citizen and devote its time to reciprocity with Canada and other important matters. To devote solemn official attention to the veracity or consistency of Colonel ROOSEVELT'S autobiographical statements would not be a rewarding enterprise; it would be almost as unprofitable as undertaking a general investigation of his personal modesty or of the precision of his syntax. Congress ought to be satisfied to do what the rest of the country is doing: to listen to him when it cannot get out of the range of his voice, and to dismiss with a weary smile whatever it cannot help hearing.

## In the Kindergarten.

The so-called "reform" or insurgent

Republican parties under the leadership the same indulgences they enjoy in gar- of a hundred dead issues must tremble in indicated above is equally simple. They rison in Wyoming and Montana, where and speak from that Speaker's bauble can proceed to carry out the policies there is no color line. They ought to It is already whispered in Washington adopted by a majority of each party as have known better. represented in the present control and At last accounts the negro troopers await the decision of the voting public were submitting in a true military spirit as to which deserves power, or they can to the discrimination of the Jim Crow engage in an interesting competition law, and official San Antonio was going to decide which shall earn the doubtful bail for them and pleading with the applause and even more doubtful sup- President not to order the regiment port of the "insurgents.

But if he does he will be have rejoiced to see the regiment transbill, but even if he does he need look and the regiment, which did not know for no "insurgent" support as a reward; but it might be despatched to Death that will be assured to Mr. MURPHY in Valley, received a third and final order DALLY, Per Month...... 80 50 the next battle to drive the "old guard" to stay where it was. e out of politics.

print. Yet at the present moment it Palo Alto or Resaca de la Palma. seems difficult to decide whether Mr. BARNES OF Mr. MURPHY will be the more successful in permitting a small and ineffective faction in the political life of this State to make the regular Republican or Democratic party its fortunate

agent in carrying out its policies. The real friends of minority rule in this State are not the Hon. THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE and the Hon. WILLIAM CHURCH OSBORN; they are the Hon. WILLIAM BARNES, Jr., and the Hon. CHARLES F. MURPHY. Such friendship is the most unselfish this State has ever seen, but how long is it to last?

#### Pass the Bill!

The Canadian reciprocity agreement is likely to encounter snags in the Senate but will probably pass the House by a vote of not far from 3 to 1. The Democratic majority in the House is effectively committed to it, and it has considerable support on the Republican Mr. Rainey's Panama Resolution.

The best thing that the Sixty-second Congress can do is to get through with ties" to hold the measure back for use the necessary business of the extra session and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and adjourn on the earliest possible or induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval of other bills that the new manion and the induced approval o tion; such proceedings, for example, as the consideration of measures on their Democratic tide of last fall is still runmerits, the abolition of log rolling.

Mr. TAFT's conviction that the prothe House Committee on Foreign Affairs | majority of the American people is the result of broad and careful inquiry. Republican castoffs. ane boast at the University of Cali- He says correctly that "the volume of support which has developed shows that its national scope is fully appreciated and is responsive to the popular will." It is equally true that the country will pages to Congress, and the debate on it would struction and delay, for which there is have been going on yet; but I took the Canal Zone no good reason whatever, will only irritate and offend. "Good politics," may suggest some political benefit through delay, but good politics from the standpoint of good citizenship and gress. The use, occupation and control national integrity demands the prompt

to the United States in perpetuity by the If it is deemed necessary or desirable Republic of Panama in Article II. of to make further changes in the tariff the treaty of November 18, 1903, which schedules they should be made because their present majority is due to a national protest against the failure of the last Congress to reduce effectively the was in fact done lawfully, his foolish tariff schedules, their acts should support their belief. They will lose rather than gain by using the Canadian agreement as a "club" or as a basis for vote trading.

The Canadian bill should be passed at

# The Ninth Cavalry Incident.

The Ninth Cavalry flurry at San Antonio proves beyond the shadow of a scorn to submit to arbitration vital I call attention to a proposed or alleged doubt that there is no war crisis in Texas. vowels and consonants, such as the be prevented? bugles blowing for an advance to the to sacrifice that all the world may be carved old stone bridge at the top of the Rio Grande to await developments the 'forced to imitate the native negligences Ninth would be one of the most popular of the Caledonian cacographer. regiments in the army, for it is one of the smartest and most efficient. As re-

the troopers of the Ninth were inclined to resent the enforcement of the Jim Crow law on the street cars in their cases. While their attitude as soldiers stagers, tried to preempt a seat for the wearing the same uniform as the enlisted men of the Seventh Cavalry was logical enough, the law is the law, and we have no doubt that Colonel JOHN F. GUILFOYLE told them that when they were in San Antonio they must do as the San Antonio negroes do and keep out fraction of the voting population of this of the white compartment of the street State has at the present moment a cars. In Texas the color line is more simple and admirably clear alternative. stringently drawn than in other Southern It may decide to east its valuable States, and San Antonio is no exception, strength with the Democratic party, although if the townsmen remember the led by CHARLES F. MURPHY, or with Alamo it must occur to them that at the Republican party, directed by least one negro shared the perils of WILLIAM BARNES, Jr. It is also pos- TRAVIS, CROCKETT, BOWIE and HOUSsible for it to flock by itself, but this TON. Probably the men of the Ninth would insure too damaging a revelation got it into their heads that war was Bill, the ecstatic swallower of every imminent and that under the circum- Bryanism and Bedlamism, the meek sup The situation of the Democratic and stances they would be allowed to have pliant for the succession-why, the ghosts

into the border district represented by But no concession Mr. BARNES OF Mr. the Hon. JOHN NANCE GARNER. If the MURPHY now makes to the insurgents black soldiers were an incubus and a will insure future support. THEODORE nuisance, would not this appeal to Mr. Firs, the sweetest little municipal singing ROOSEVELT made a gallant effort to TAFT be proof of an unselfish and selfpander to the "insurgents" at Saratoga | sacrificing spirit? We note that the world. ast year, but Mr. MURPHY got their votes Hon. James L. Slayden of the San Anfor his ticket. Mr. BARNES last week tonio district, a member of the House made a historic effort to join the regular Military Committee, has taken a promi-Republicans to the "insurgent" Demo- nent part in rebuking Representative neity of diction which characterizes THE SUN has

BARNES, Mr. MURPHY can now commer the Ninth were as black as GARNER of the Democratic party to all the Hughes Uvalde painted it, Mr. SLAYDEN would NEW YORK, April &

mistaken in counting upon any insur- ferred to Representative GARNER's disment help; that will be found enlisted by trict. That gentleman now under-Air. BARNES in the next fight to over- stands what a boomerang is. The throw Tammany control in the State. clamor in Zapata and Hidalgo against Mr. BARNES by joining the Republican | the coming of the Ninth for patrol duty strength to the "insurgent" Democrats sent Mr. GARNER on the wings of the may be able to pass the Hinman-Green morning to the White House to protest,

The hysteria will now die down, we These facts are so elementary that trust. There would have been none at State and all officials, in fact every man but they seem foolish when reduced to allifthere were anticipations of another

#### Castoff Clothing.

The announcement from Albany that the Governor and the leaders of the majority in the Legislature have decided to postpone until next year the ery of the State is the most convincing evidence of the survival of sanity at the capital which has yet been disclosed.

The next Republican candidate for Governor will not reproach his Democratic opponent with the failure of his party to enact direct primary legislation. The next Republican platform will not declare for the Hughes primary plan. The Republican party has already cast off this disguise, and its leaders in the State committee, the Senate and Assembly are

ning. It is a fortunate sign for the Democratic future in the State if the posed agreement is favored by a large Democratic party has decided to stick to its own doctrines rather than pick up

#### The Butcher of Vowels.

Much as the good would like to see reduced ASTRÆA and the lamb lying be best pleased by prompt action. Ob- down by the side of the lion, as on the millennium plates, and horrid wars silent forever save against the Money Power, the Octopus, the Curse of Gold, the from a purely political standpoint, Robber Barons, Predatory Wealth, Malefactors of Great Wealth and the other ancient villains of the show, can even the good forgive the havoc which birds put in a locality were sufficient to the Thane of Skibo continues to make stock it for several years. among innocent English vowels? Can even the most sheeplike and pigeonlivered of men refrain from donning the of the clubs which are in existence. Help war bonnet and digging up the hatchet to put back at least what you have put in when he sees the Thane, who pretends was properly negotiated on the part of they are necessary or desirable; and this Government by John Hay, Secretions who vote for them should have tary of State, and duly submitted to the the courage to assume responsibility Senate of the United States, ratification for their acts. If the Democrats in the being advised by that constitutional House believe, as they declare, that slain victims; "hed," "hav," "involv," and provide shooting for acts. "formd," "believ," "becaus," "preserv"? children. And many another gory corpse would personally; the only way it can be done is plead dumbly for vengeance had it not been dragged out of sight by some of the private secretaries whose business it is to see that ANDREW is translated.

Whatever ancient and mostly forgotten grudges the United States may have had against Great Britain, that country has never butchered spelling; and we dare say she would fight until her eyelids could no longer wag for the utmost punctilious "u" in "favour" and "honour." Much more, then, would she the Thane's Simplified Spelling Board seeks

No, the national spelling can never yield to the "individualistic" Carnegian:

the smartest and most efficient. As regards discipline it compares well with any regiment of white soldiers. The negroes of the Ninth give a readier and more respectful obedience to their officers than the white enlisted men of any other command in the service do to theirs. As to the general behavior of the negro troopers on leave, no matter where they are stationed, it leaves little to be desired by the most prejudiced critics.

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Is the Hon. George Konio of the Third Maryland district, a new member, being treated with the respect he deserves in the columns of the Baltimore Sun? It declares that he was "too busy piling up a majority in the First ward for Prestor of their work of deserration as it progressed and was relieved to see that after despoilation of the Baltimore of circle in the House when he desires recognition.

It seems that Mr. TALBOTT and Mr. COVINGTON of Maryland, who are old absentee by assigning a page to "hold down" a good chair, but a "breezy Westerner" came along with acquisition in his eve, and there was this colloquy:

Son, whose chair is that?"
This is Mr. KOONICES'S, of Maryland, str." Where is Mr. Koonicas."

Well, you go over and hold that one in that back aisle for Mr. KOONICES. I'll hold this on

The story is a shock to the sense of reverence. As a Representative in Congress the Hon. GEORGE KONIG ought to loom larger in the Maryland regard.

is right that CHAMP CLARE'S gavel should be of wood from a haunted mill The reverent sitter at the feet of Dollar that of its own accord and held in no man's hand the gavel has been known to hammer the desk tremendously sixteen times in

New York needs some outlet for its surplus population and I want to issue this invitation now and on the spot for all those in this city who are uncomfortable from overcrowding to come to Mayor Fire of Bostor

succession.

Why, 'tis a loving and fair offer. If Boston suffers from undercrowding she has a more than recompense in Honey school and college of minstrelsy in the

# Of Boats and Ships.

crats, yet it may be seriously doubted GARNER for interfering in its affairs. In the ever gets even a vote of thanks for his public spirited states man hip.

With or without the help of Mr.

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On election day, and if the conduct of saller man a left, unless she is a beef boat.

W. S. CRONAN.

Lieutenant Commander, United State: Navy.

### FISHERMEN'S CHANCE. Eloquent Appeal for Cooperation

Among Sportsmen. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Complaints are heard every year from trout fishermen and bass fishermen about the scarcity of game fish, their small size and so forth, but it seemingly never occurs to them that it is principally their own fault. There are very few men who go angling for either trout or bass but can afford to be members of some organized club. This argument also applies to the hunter of birds, game, &c. Each of these several groups condemns the Government, the

the one who is most at fault. In a letter received to-day I was informed that a cer-tain man had caught 180 trout in eight ours; about one every three minutes These fish hogs are partly at fault, but more particularly the men who will not organize and prevent such crimes, not only against the laws of the State but against the aws of the Golden Rule. Had this stream been protected, as such a stream should be no man would have taken the chance of capreform of the primary election machin-ery of the State is the most convincing if the game warden performed his duty. If a man is a real sportsman he will make

sacrifices to satisfy his appetite for rea sport, and this is generally the member o some club. There are men who cannot afford to join a club, and these men this is not intended to reach or hurt, but the man who can afford it, and is not a member of the can afford it. ber, I want to bring up with a round turn. It is not necessary to be a millionaire, neither need he be in receipt of more than a moderate income. There are several clubs, good ones, of which I have knowlopenly hostile to the proposition.

The Democratic party asked the support of the voters of the State last year on the issue of State finance. It promised to reduce State finance. the fisherman who cares for the sport and promised to reduce State expense, cur-

In another case a sporteman who really wanted to do something for his fellow sportsmen spent nearly four years endeavoring to locate a section which would be near enough to New York to make a pleasant and inexpensive trip, and after he had spent hun-dreds, perhaps thousands of dollars in securing such a place, had the utmost difficulty in getting sufficient members in his club to cover the cost of the land, not to mention

It is unreasonable to ask either the State or the national Government to replace the fish and game that is caught or shot. Conyears ago. The country is rapidly being closed. New homes are going up in sections that a few years ago were practically wilderness, and the conditions for the propagation of fish and game have got beyond the state when a few fish or a few

There is only one logical solution of the problem. Sportsmen, get together! Either form a club among your friends or join one and provide shooting for yourself and your children. It is too expensive to do this

Don't be a free lance, don't sponge on the friend who may be a member of a club to which he invites you annually with the hope that you may get a little of the club spirit. Be a sportsman in the real sense of

NEW YORK, April 7.

# THE PARKS. .

Protective Suggestion From One Who May Be an "Obstructionist." TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: While

"improvement" which ought if possible to You remember the very elaborately Mall I am sure. Some years ago it was announced that \$10,000 had been appropriated for its renovation. The "renovation" then

accomplished consisted chiefly in removing ruthlessly all the clustering vines which

structure.

My object is to call attention to this proposed reckless use of public money for the purpose of desecration, in the hope that the work may not be allowed by public according.

opinion.

It is not easy to protect the park from damage by neglect, by omission to act on the part of him whom we pay to conserve it; but it ought not to be difficult to prevent him from such ruthless disregard of all the canons of art as is proposed by this shameful waste of so large a sum of money when it is so urgently needed for work of real restoration elsewhere.

New YORK, April 7.

# The Battery Park.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: Battery Park used to be a spot where jaded tery Park used to be a spot where jaded young men and women from downtown offices refreshed themselves for a brief while during the afternoon, but last year they field it, for the place had been turned over to tramps and baseball toughs.

Instead of the verdure and quiet of former times, the plots became like dusty, dirt strewn highways, and the air resounded with coarse shouts and vulgarity. What a monstrous shame that the gem among our parks should be so misused!

NEW YORE, April 7.

# "Luna and Venus."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: In a letter to THE SUN Mr. R. J. McLaughlin writes: "The thought of a living world, the home of intelligent beings, is an inspiring one. Who can say that the moon is not such a world." If intelligent human beings physically consti atmosphere, then a physical activity such a ours is possible on that planet. Carbon dioxide of the intense cold no human animal life is possible on Neptune, and the intense heat on Mercury forbids on that orb human corporeal existence Human life such as ours is on the other heaven! bodies a physical impossibility on account of chemical gaseous conditions, extremes of temperature, and absence of organic life.

CLASON POINT, April 7. D. P. O'NEILL.

# The Oracle of the Bottle

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: So much is printed daily on the subject of milk for bables that I would like to see the question answered: Does any man know of a chief of the prize ring that was brought up on the bottle?

Does any man know of any athlete of renown brought up on the bottle?

Does any one know of any one of stamina fiving to a ripe old age bottle reared?

#### THE SUPREME COURT ON THE CORPORATION TAX.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN -Sir: The Supreme Court of the United States has found the corporation tax act of August 5, 1909, to be constitutional. No Justice dissented. The question of constitutionality is therefore removed from the field of discursion. But so widespread has been the interest taken in the decision of this ques-tion that one may be pardoned for looking into the opinion and expressing one or two

Fifteen cases were submitted, presenting a variety of objections more or less intended. Mr. Justice Day takes up objections. tion after objection and disposes of each clearly and concisely. The most important if not indeed the one supreme question was what is the true character of the tax: is direct tax that must be apportioned? It is allowable for the lawyer and the layman to seek to ascertain from the language of this particular the court has arrived at.

The act provides that a corporation shall pay annually "a special tax with respect to the carrying on or doing business " equivalent to one per centum upon the entire net income over and above \$3,000 received. by it from all sources during such year.

on business, or (2) with respect to receiving an income above \$5,000? The question is vital. It stands in the foreground of an examination of the terms

Ex-Senator Foraker argued this question most ably, as will be apparent from the following extract from his brief in case No. 420:

There is no tax until a net income is found, which is certainly conclusive that is is not the corpora-tion that is taxed, for it may have ample capital, the widest powers and the most extensive business, and yet go acquit by simply reporting a bad year and no profits; nor the franchise to be a corporation, since no matter by what authority this may be granted. State or Federal, nor what

this may be granted, State or Federal, nor what the purpose, it is exempt if the corporation return no net income; nor is it the privilege or facility to transact business, because no matter how much that privilege or facility may be exercised there is no tax without net income; but if there is net income, then the tax is laid, but on what?

On the corporation; for in that event it is "subject to pay"; but what is it that it pays for? Surely not the business, for it already had that; certainly not its franchise and privileges or facilities to carry on business, for it already had them, and all of them, and yet did not pay nor have to pay on account of any or all of them. Now, however, it has something it did not have before, and as a result it must pay; and this something it now has on account of which it must pay is made the measure of the amount to be paid, "a sum equal to 1 per cent, of the entire net income from all sources."

This much from ex-Senator Foraker's brief seems strongly put. At any rate it looks very much as if the court would per-ceive it to be deserving of an answer, in the shape of a judicial utterance that demon-strates wherein it is unsound. The brief continues:

The thing without which no tax is imp which when it is had or possessed determines the amount of the tax. is so palpably the thing taxed that it does violence to com claim the contrary; and to allow such a claim would be to overthrow all the wise precedents established by the courts that mere names and words in a statute shall not control when they

One may look in vain throughout the long and elaborate opinion of the court to find any notice taken of this point so clearly your game bag during the preceding year; put by the distinguished counsel. Possibly it happened that the learned Justice had so many objections on his hands that he inadvertently omitted to take up and dis OLD FASHIONED LOOKERON. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.

### MORE POETS YET!

#### A Few Bright Drops From the Deathless Fount of Hippocrene.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Miss E. Marie Sinclair of New York, for some years a writer of verse and best known through her book "Random Shots," has sibly surface cars, within the present year.

"The Spirit of '76" must and will be re-M. F. STAPLETON, Jr. written for the local society paper a snappy poem. "Why Linger Here Below?" as the result of her recent flight with Mr. Lincoln Beachey in the Curtiss biplane:

You may talk about your golf links, The hazards where you've lain ut for unsurpassed excitement Go seek the aeroplane! You may rave about your motors.

ed with which they But no law can now arrest vo As in the air you float.

You may diagnose this morning The bridge hands held last night But grand slams or all five honors Look pale beside a flight.

You may shoot with gun or rife At targets in the air, The aerobird above you for A twelve gauge feels no care. You may love the horseback riding. The pursuit of the quall:

But if you want some real live sport Take my advice, this planet leav Why linger here below?
The most exciting thing on earth

Up in the air seems slow: HERRERT L. JILLSON PINEHURST, N. C., April 6

# The Fairhaven Epigrammatist

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I join you in open admiration of the productions of the Poet of Pawtucket, also Hawes of New Bedford. Across the rolling Acushr 'sweet singer" resides. Fearing that it has not been your good fortune as yet to see an example of the poetical ability of this songster I enclose a sample, one of his lat-est sonnets. It should be explained that at the "town meeting" in the town of Fairhaven, Mass., where the author, Mr. Zenas of water furnished to the town by one Ny became so warm that Mr. Winsor, doubt-less feeling that he could express himself better thus, took refuge in poetry. I en-

"I would take a stream from Juno's breast This town will have from Nye

BROOKLYN, April 7. AN ADMIRER An Old Nutmeg Nursery Rhyme. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir

Spring here. Bock beer. CRESTER FISER. WEST HAVEN, Conn., April 7.

Spring Poem by a Broker. spring has come at last, s cot spring. The streams will now o'erflow their dams. The flowers bloom—the dickey birds sing: But where, O where, are the little lambs?

NEW YORK, April 7.

"Vice and Crime."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I have just read the editorial article "Vice and Crime," and an ied to wonder at its true meaning.

Suppose THE SUN would not come boldly out and say it is opposed to the efforts being made to better conditions as regards vice and crime in this city, and yet the lack of seriousness in this editorial article would seem to imply that such is the case.

is the case.

THE SUN should be sure that the light it sheds along the pathways of benighted travellers in this great city is a true light. We don't care to this great city is a true light. We don't care compare ourselves with Paris or Hoboken in old days. We should advance in all that makes for good, and may we not expect THE SUN to lend a hand to that end? HELEN L. DUNCAN. NEW YORK, April 6.

Do the workers in the sewers drink any water but the unditered, and is not their longestly record equal to if not superior to that of the filtered equal to if not superior to that of the filtered examples of the superior to the supe

### BAITING THE RAILROADS. Demagogy Causes Lack of New Equip

ment and Small Earnings. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: significant items of news are before the people as the result of the malicious at-tacks which have been made indiscriminated the nately upon the corporate enterprise of the

crease like that reported in 1910, because many of the industries along the line of the road were either shutting down or run ning with fewer operators. "There is little prospect," he wrote, "that these companies what is the true character of the tax: is will get any considerable number of orders it or is it not a tax on income, and so a until the railroads begin purchasing addition. tional equipment.

There has also been published by the Bureau of Statistics in Washington a comtry. It sets forth that the 239,652 miles of road earned \$2,713,261,000 gross last year The expense of running was \$1,794,458,000 The taxes were \$103,435,000. The cost of these railroads was \$58,316 a mile, a total of \$12,862,000,000. The equipment consisted of 59,133 locomotives, costing \$777,322,-000; 46,890 passenger cars, costing \$304,000. 000, and 2.134,000 freight cars, costing \$2.134,000,000; and the total cost for roadways, terminals and equipment was \$16,077,

Out of gross earnings the railroads were able to divide \$344,717,000 for interest and \$166,828,000 for dividends. This division represents the magnificent profit on the \$16,000,000,000 invested of 3% per cent. The railroads received an average return for carrying a passenger one mile of .0187 cent. and for carrying a ton of freight one mile

three-quarters of a cent.

I read somewhere that the politicians of France persuaded the people that by con-fiscating the properties of the religious orders they would obtain something like \$200,000,000, but when the actual confiscation was complete the sum realized was less than \$5,000,000, of which one-half was stolen by the politicians.

Perhaps when the magnificent pro of our country has been shattered by political demagogues the American people will be wise enough to know a gold brick when NEW YORK, April 7.

advisability of decorating the municipal pressed much pleasure over the wide-ferryboats and ferryhouses with pictures of our most noted Presidents, and the print-in the movement to his reverend predeof our most noted Presidents, and the print-ing of the preamble to and excerpts from the Constitution of the United States to be also framed for decoration. Mayor Gaynor has informed me that the matter would have due

consideration.

The tune of "Yankee Doodle" seems to have lost that peculiar charm for which it has long been noted. The calling out of volunteers, which is ever wont to be our boast, may also be a very uncertain matter, that is to say, we are overestimating the number that would respond to a call to arms. With the incoming of so many immigrants we should establish some means of instructing them as to our definition of the word "freedom," how it was obtained, and the men that figured most prominently in securing it; and this could be accomplished in no better way than that which I have

already suggested.

I feel assured that with the cooperation of my father, as a member of the Board of Aldermen, and the Daughters of the American Revolution these "patriotic warnings" will be made a part of the interior decora-

ived. M. F. STAPLETON, Jr. NEW YORK, April 7.

#### THE PARK THEATRE. Let That Name Be Given to the Central

Park West Playhouse. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Now

that the New Theatre must soon lose its name by the building of another theatre to carry out its original object, why not revive an old and honored name and one dear to playgoers of old New York and give it to the playhouse on Central Park West, namely. The Park Theatre?

The Park Theatre was erected in 1798 on the corner of Park row and Beekman street at a time when there was no building except what afterward became the Hall of Records on the green space extending from Chambers of the Charac Halloy.

Description of the choir, of the memorial chapels and of the cathedral as it will look when completed. Seven thousand applications have been received but only 2,000 admissions are possible.

The musical service on April 19 will be at 4:30 and no tickets will be encessary. It was stated yesterday that most of the distinguished persons who have been invited have accepted for the opening service at the coping week after next will be illustrated with pictures of the choir, of the memorial chapels and of the cathedral as it will look when completed. Seven thousand applications have been received but only 2,000 admissions are possible.

The musical service on April 19 will be at 4:30 and no tickets will be necessary. the Court House and the huge and ugly Post Office all came later, gradually filling up what was then the principal park of the town. Theatre Alley still recalls the name of the Park Theatre. On its boards during the half century and more of its history appeared many players famous in the annals of the American stage. The building was twice rebuilt after fires. It was at the Park Theatre in 1810 that Charles Frederick cooke, who had a great reputation in London made his first appearance in this country acting in "Richard III." He died in New ork not long afterward, and Edmund Kean in 1821 erected a monument over his grave n St. Paul's churchyard. On the stone are hese words:

Three kingdoms claim his birth. Both hemispheres pronounce his worth. Park Theatre is too valuable a name to be forgotten, and it is one that will soon be appropriate for the playhouse that is now known as the New Theatre.

FISHKILL, April 7.

Eleven Chairs for Twelve Good Men and True. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: About fifty citizens answer subpænas for jury duty in one of the trial courts in the County Court building. Fifteen or more are excused by the trial Judge in the usual manner. Those remaining the court the usual manner. Those remaining the court depends upon to take care of the cases on the

Twelve "good men and true" are sworn in on a case. We start in on a fine morning; at recess when we go back to our places of business we do so through a nice driving rain. We scurry do so through a nice driving rain. We scurry through our mail sufficiently to give us a partial idea of it only, and for lack of time we are not able to take care of it properly. We have our business cares on our shoulders, and when we get business cares on our shoulders, and when we get back to the jury box we have the added weight of our rain soaked overcoats on our knees topped with our nice wet hats, for be it known we must drag our hats, umbrellas and so forth around with us, making hat racks and coat racks of our knees while we are doing actual duty and being part of the court, while all others are furnished with accommodations for the care of such left.

SUBWAY TRAFFIC GROWTH. with accommodations for the care of such im

pedimenta.
All of this we are willing to forget when we have heard the different summings up and the Judge's charge; but have any of The Sun readers ever figured out why eleven chairs are fur-nished twelve good men and true in the jury room for their soleum consideration of evidence? Per-haps each and every jury by official reasoning is calculated to contain at least one member qualified for enrolment in a highly Honorable Artillery
Company that has among its fastnesses a stronghold under the table. This is not intended to be humorous, but is a protest against official squalor. NEW YORK, April 7.

# Cacographers of the Hon. Champ Clark's excess for the subway of 258,682. For

Cacographers of the Hon. Champ Clark's Village.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: The orthographical ability of the people of Bowling Green, Mo., must be at a distressingly low tide when the winner of a seventeen hour spelling contest placed the letters in proper order in 2,300 words out of 10,000. And yet The Sun regards it as so great an achievement as to publish the fact this morning. If the lady had correctly spelled 9,000 of the words it might be something to brag about, but as it is the result is disgraceful. Many a youngster from the vicinity of Bowling Green, N. Y. could have done twice as well as shedid.

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KING GEORGE WRITES TO US Ambassader Bryce Will Read His Letter at Bible Celebration on April 23.

Ambassador Bryce will make an address on the English Bible on Tuesday evening. April 25, in Carnegie Hall, and read a letter from King George and addressed to the American people. Bishop Green the most discerning business men are not able to see the end of it. ex-President Patton of Princeton, Bishop The first item was a letter from the president of a Western railroad company saying that its daily receipts were showing no inarranged by a tercentenary Bible committee. Not only in New York and Lon don but in many cities in both countries and also in Australia and South Africa the three hundredth year since the trans lation of the King James Version of the Bible is being observed. All Protestant

Bible is being observed. All Protestant bodies are taking part.

Admission to Carnegie Hall to attend this Bible meeting will be by ticket. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by stamped and addressed envelope, and sent to the Tercentenary Bible Committee, Bible House, New York. Sunday, April 23, will be observed in many quarters as Bible Sunday. quarters as Bible Sunday

#### CATHEDRAL FOR BROOKLYN Catholics Planning for It as a Memorial to the Late Bishop Loughlin

The movement started at the last annual dinner of the St. Patrick's Society of Brooklyn for the planning of a fitting memorial in honor of John Loughlin, the first Bishop of the Brooklyn diocese, has resulted in a revival of the long deferred purpose for the erection of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the foundation of which was laid during Bishop Loughlin's lifetime.

The old site, covering the entire block in Greene, Claremont, Lafayette and Vanderbilt avenues, is now for the most part occupied by St. John's Chapel and for the cathedral will have to be chosen. Already the selection of one has been under consideration by Bishop McDonnell. the diocesan consulters and prominent Catholic laymen, and the Eastern Park-way, the Jamaica Hills and two or three other locations have been favorably mentioned.

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TO REVIVE PATRIOTISM.

Educational Decorations Advocated for Public Places.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: It is a sad but undeniable fact that a general lack of patriotism is prevalent in New York city, and it is with a profound interest in its uplifting that I bring my cause before the attention of the many readers of The Sun.

I wrote Mayor Gaynor recently on the advisability of decorating the municipal ferryboats and ferryhouses with pictures

The estimates for carrying out the various tentative plans range from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000, but it is understood that nothing definite as to the location or plans will be decided until \$500,000 at least is in the hands of the Loughlin Memorial Committee. From the assurances already received by the committee there is no doubt that this amount will be quickly forthcoming. Bishop McDonnell was present at a meeting of the committee in the vestry of St. John's Chapel on Thursday night, at which Michael F. McGoldrick presided, and expressed much pleasure over the wide-spread interest manifested ir, the diocese fitting monument to his reverend prede-

cessor.

The memorial committee is in hearty accord with Bishop McDonnell's plan for a great cathedral and will start at once to secure funds to carry it to completion.

TWO CATHEDRAL CHAPELS.

Architect Henry Vaughan Chosen for the **Huntington and Potter Structures** The trustees of the Cathedral of St John the Divine have called in another architect for two of the large chapels the Huntington and the Potter, instead

of having one architect design the great structure in all its parts. The new man is Henry Vaughan of Boston. His work is confined to the chapels and does not affect the main structure. The Huntington Chapel, to be the extreme one on the north side of the choir. will be of pure English Gothic, reminding one of the interior of Grace Church, of which the late Rev. Dr. Huntington was

which the late Rev. Dr. Huntington was rector. It will be larger than the other chapels save the Potter Chapel, seating about 200, and will be finished in all respects like the interior of Grace Church. The cost will be \$150,000, and at the consecration services on April 19 it is hoped that the entire sum may be placed on the later. altar.
The Potter Chapel will stand on the corresponding spot on the south side of the choir and its erection is made possible by the Clarke family. The cost will also be \$150,000. The order of service at the

# ARCHBISHOP FARLEY'S WORK. List of His Important Episcopal Appe

ments for Three Months Archbishop Farley's episcopal appointments in the New York archdiocese for April, May and June have just been anounced through the Very Rev. Mgr. I. V. Lewis, secretary to the Archbishop. The Archbishop will be engaged nearly every day in this and the next two months. Some of the chief ceremonies at which he

will preside are: April 13, consecration of holy oils for the ole year at the cathedral; 23, dedication of chapel on Blackwell's Island: 30, laving of cornerstone of the new Church of the

Sacred Heart at High Bridge. May 5, anniversary mass of requiem for the late Archbishop Corrigan at St. Patrick's Cathedral, at which all the priests in the archdiocese will attend, 19, con-secration of altars in St. Malachy's Church, West Forty-ninth street, and on May 21 the whole new superstructure of St. Malachy'd Church will be dedicated: 23, commence ment exercises at the College of St. Angela at New Rochelle; 28, laying of the cornerstone of a new school for the Ascension

June 6, commencement exercises at tions at St. Patrick's Cathedral: 14, Fordham University commencement; 16, 5 Heart Academy, Manhattanville, mencement exercises; 18, dedication of new church of St. Denis at Lowerre, Yonkers, of which the Rev. Richard Ormon

# SUBWAY TRAFFIC GROWTH. January and February Returns Show It

Exceeds the Elevated's Business. From a report made yesterday by the Public Service Commission it is shown that the subway system has now passed in traffic the elevated lines. The reporsales on the subway amounted to 26,967,336, while on the elevated roads the total was only 25,798,674, giving an

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